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HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER™

Dean's Corner

The First Annual Research Day at TTUHSC at El Paso was a spectacular success! The collaboration between TTUHSC and UTEP will be a major development of the medical school. We have received great feedback concerning the research areas discussed.

A recap of winners in the research day oral presentations:

First place – Alan Orellana, M.D., Internal Medicine, for “Routine Use of Direct Nucleic Acid Amplification in the Diagnosis of Pulmonary Tuberculosis.”

Second place – David Mokhtee, M.D., for “Low-Dose FK-506 Enhances Neural Regeneration and Regulates Muscle Recovery in Rat Undergoing Repair After Sciatic Nerve Injury.”

Third place – Khalid Afzal, M.D., Neuropsychiatry, for “Burnout Questionnaire Survey at TTUHSC at El Paso for Identification of Different Stages of the Burnout Syndrome in the Resident Physician.”

During the evening's Faculty Recognition Banquet, **Miguel Pirela-Cruz, M.D.**, chairman of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, was voted Faculty of the Year.

Finalists included Paul Casner, M.D., Internal Medicine, and C. Antonio Jesurun, M.D., Pediatrics.

Newly promoted faculty, newly board certified faculty and new faculty were also recognized. We plan to make Research Day an annual event.

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